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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
TO THE FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

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TO THE PALMOUTH AND TRENT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1901.

FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting once more the Annual Report of your Port Medical Officer of Health for the year ended December 31st, 1961.

This is made in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health which prescribe the requirements of Port Health Medical Officers.

From the Port Medical aspect nothing of a serious nature has occurred. During the year I have for the purpose of attending to sick, and injured, visited 35 vessels - landing for hospital admission 39 cases.

There was one case only of notifiable disease - Paratyphoid B.

The number of Deratting Certificates and Exemptions totalled 67, 60 being Exemption Certificates.

An average of ten vessels have been laid up in the River Fal throughout the year and these are periodically inspected. I have had no complaints from your Health Inspector.

There has been very little sickness of a serious nature on the vessels in the Harbour and Docks.

The following details are in tabulated form and represent the work carried out on behalf of this Authority.

May I express my appreciation of the considerable help and co-operation of your Health Inspector, Mr. Jackett, and his appointment to continue in office.

There is a happy co-operative state prevailing in all Departments, H.M. Customs, Agents and boatmen to whom I express my thanks for their continued help and co-operation.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CECIL DICK.

I. STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
D.HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	Deputy Town Clerk, Falmouth.
J.W.MORTON	Treasurer	28 December, 1951	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
A.C.DICK	Port Medical Officer of Health	2 February, 1945	M.R.C.S.Eng. L.R.C.P.Lond.	-
H.R.T.DEVLIN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1955	M.B., B.Ch., Dublin.	-
F.JACKETT	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940	Cert.R.San.I.	

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the Medical Officer of Health) 17 Boscawen Road, Falmouth.
Tel. Falmouth 226.

Address and telephone number of)
the Medical Officer of Health)
Tel. Walmouth 536.
14 Boscombe Road, Walmouth.

F. JACKSON	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940	Cert. S. San. I.	
H. R. T. DEVLIN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1955	M.B., B.Ch., Dublin.	
A. C. DICK	Port Medical Officer	5 February, 1945	L.S.O.P. Lond. M.B.O.S. Lond.	
J. W. MORTON	Treasurer	28 December, 1951	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Walmouth.
D. HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	Deputy Town Clerk, Walmouth.
Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.

TABLE A

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	335	942,093	35	201	1
Coastwise	681	1,308,707	12	763	-
Total	1,016	2,250,800	47	964	1

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE 2

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Office of Health by the Health Officer		Number of ships reported as having infectious disease on board, or having had during the voyage.
			Number of ships	Port	
Total	1,010	5,520,800	43		1
Coastwise	981	1,306,700	15		-
Foreign ports	332	2,442,000	32		1

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III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS Nil.
	(Number of passengers OUTWARDS Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS General cargo, including food produce, coal, cement, timber, oil and petroleum spirit.
	(Principal EXPORTS None.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Abadan, Aden, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Curacao, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Flushing, Gibraltar, Hampton Roads, Halifax N.S., Hamburg, Men-a-Ahmadi, Narvik, Oslo, Rotterdam, Rouen, Stockholm.

Approximately 75% of vessels arrive from Scandinavian, Continental and United Kingdom Ports for Dry Docking after discharging cargo abroad.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No Change.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)
REGULATIONS, 1952

No Change.

VII. SMALLPOX

All cases or suspected cases of smallpox may be sent to Lee Mill Hospital, Near Ivybridge, Devon.

Ambulances for the transport of such cases would be supplied by the Cornwall County Council who are also responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

The smallpox consultants available are -

Dr.D.F.Johnstone,
The Scott Isolation Hospital,
Plymouth.
(Tel. Plymouth 51437 & Home 73896).

Dr.W.A.Lister,
10 The Crescent,
Plymouth.
(Tel. Plymouth 61875 & Home Devonport 51040)

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis would be sent to The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. (Tel. Colindale 7041).

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No Change.

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Paratyphoid B.	-	1	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Vessels are boarded by the Port Health Inspector as soon as possible after arrival, and unless the Masters produce recently issued certificates, inspections are extended to the holds, etc., in order to ascertain the rat population. Where indications of rat infestation are found traps are set and poison baits are laid, and in cases where the deratting certificate has expired and indications of rodent infestation are found, the vessel is ordered to be fumigated.

Arrangements for the Bacteriological or
Pathological Examination of Rodents

Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents at the Royal Infirmary, Pathological Department, Truro.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements for deratting ships and methods used

Deratting of ships is normally carried out entirely by fumigation by hydrogen cyanide. The work is carried out by a commercial contractor, Fumigation Services Ltd., of London.

Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

Vessels are found to be largely rat-proof.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR
IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	39
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates issued				Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	
HCN	Other fumigant (State method)				
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	-	-	-	7	60
					67

XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	964	Nil	102	All notices complied with.
Re-visits	1,322	Nil	3	-
Total	2,286	Nil	105	-

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Samples of Oysters were obtained from the main suppliers to the Market, namely -

Messrs.Helford Oyster Fisheries.
Messrs.W.Johns, Flushing.
Messrs.Gunn, Coombe, Truro.
Messrs.Baker, Coombe, Truro.

These were examined by the Public Health Pathologist, Royal Cornwall Infirmary and were pronounced very clean and fit for human consumption.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr. Albert Cecil Dick, Port Medical Officer of Health.

Other Staff

None.

Organisation of Work and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens but there is little or no aliens traffic in the Port. In the event, however, of aliens arriving

arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No Change

FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1961.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 964 vessels were inspected and 102 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board. It was not necessary to serve any statutory notices with regard to these vessels, verbal and informal notices were given, as a result of which all the nuisances and defects were remedied. 1,322 re-visits were made to vessels in connection with nuisances and defects, rat destruction and vessels from infected areas.

As shown in Table B 201 Ships from Foreign Ports were inspected and 763 Ships from Coastwise Ports, making a Total of 964.

Nuisances and Defects

These consisted mainly of dirt, vermin and other conditions, and structural defects caused through wear and tear, defective heating apparatus, foul, dirty and defective water closets and fittings, choked scuppers, dirty clothes lockers and dirty messrooms and wash places.

Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health

This type of nuisance and other conditions prejudicial to health is rare the number of vessels dealt with during the year on account of dirty conditions of crew's accommodation was less than that for the previous year.

The disinfection of verminous vessels was carried out with pressure spraying of liquid insecticides and also by applying resin lacquer. Many shipping companies have now adopted this latter method of vermin control.

During the year 14 vessels were dealt with.

Structural Defects caused through wear and tear

Defective water closets and fittings and ports were responsible for the greater number of this type of defect and many of these conditions were caused by misuse and lack of attention. Other defects dealt with were defective showers, heating apparatus, wash-basins and fittings, water heaters, ventilators, leaky deck heads, bunks and fittings.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1958.

These regulations came into operation on the 1st June, 1958, and specify the permitted times for smoke emission from the various types of vessels.

The attention of the Masters and Engineers of vessels arriving at the Port is directed to the requirements of the regulations.

24 observations were made during the year of the smoke emission from 16 British and 8 Foreign vessels. In each case the emission was within the prescribed limits.

RAT DESTRUCTION

All sheds, quays and wharves are periodically visited and inspected and immediate measures are taken when fresh evidence of rats is seen or their presence reported. Poison baits are laid by the Docks Rodent Officer.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951, AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER, 1951.

In addition to the functions they exercise, in common with other Local Authorities, Port Health Authorities are empowered to issue Rodent Control Certificates. No Certificates were issued during 1961.

FOOD INSPECTION

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS,
1937 - 1948.

No imported food-stuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. No action necessary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PRESERVATIVES ETC. IN FOOD)
REGULATIONS, 1925 - 1958

No action necessary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1926

No action necessary.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK JACKETT

Port Health Inspector.

